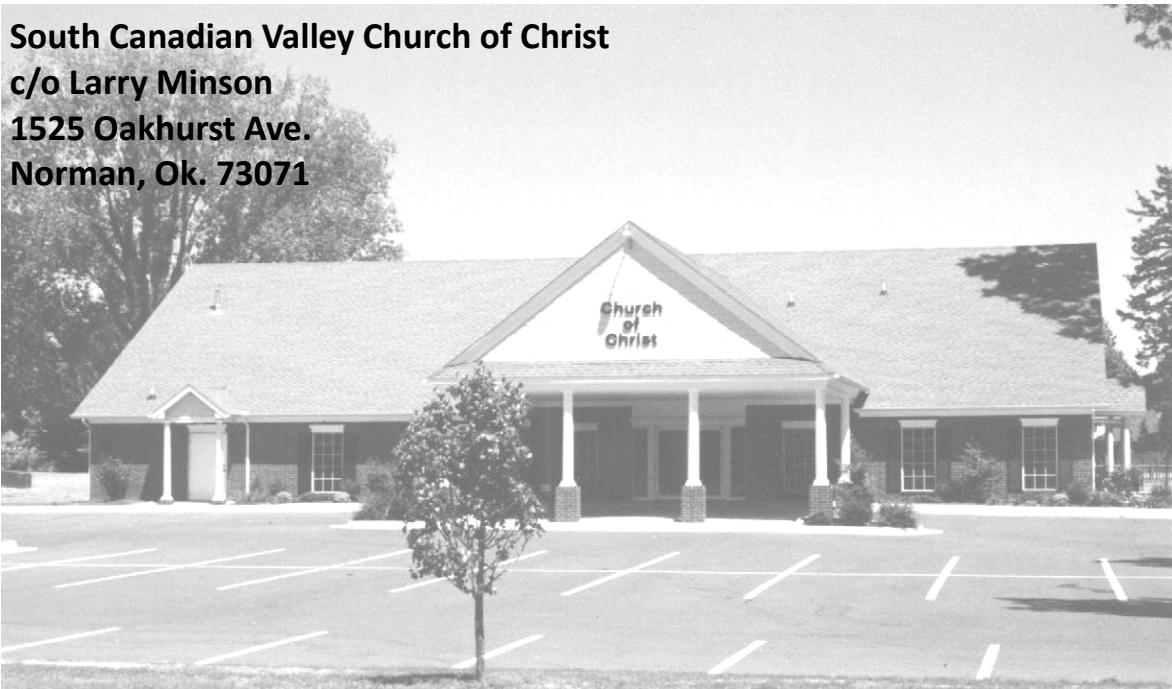


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Verse: Isaiah 1:16-17
*Stop doing wrong, learn to do right!
Seek justice, encourage the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the fatherless,
plead the case of the widow.*

Thought:
Do you find it easy to replace service to those in need with religious rituals? I know I do! But God wants us to not get so caught up in talking about him and celebrating his deeds, that we forget we're suppose to care for others like he does. Whether it is Jesus defining his ministry in Luke 4:18-19 or James talk-

ing about the kind of piety that pleases God (Jas. 1:26-27), we must realize true faith is treating others as God would. Today's verse defines what God does and instructs us to live in the same way.

Prayer:

O Great God of all comfort, open my eyes today to see those who need your love and give me the attentiveness, time, and compassion to serve them. May Jesus' work be seen in my life today. Amen.

By Phil Ware

Sunday Morning Star



SOUTH CANADIAN VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Elders
Glen Taylor ~ Bruce Kessler ~ Mark Woody

Deacons
Travis Ashley ~ Larry Minson

Our Mission and Commitment Statement

As Christ's church our purpose is to go and make disciples of Christ, foster their spiritual growth, and equip them to serve the church and the community, thereby glorifying God.

Church Service Schedule

Sunday Mornings 10:00
Wednesday Evenings 7:00

Location: **2217 24th Ave SW**
Norman, Okla.

From HW 9 and 24th Ave SW, go two blks south (on the left)

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Scheduled activities

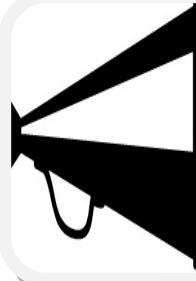


to our visitors. We're very happy to have you here with us today. We hope we have made you feel welcome and invite you to be back with us anytime.

Let us know if you have any questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitors card.

Call if you need a ride to Church:

Glen Taylor	360-2762
Bruce Kessler	820-8474
Larry Minson	820-9506
Travis Ashley	818-1144



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Next Bible Study at the Woody home will be on January 15th, 7:00 p.m. 3030 Santa Rosa Ct - Norman

Check out the "new and improved" church website! Same address:
www.normanchurch.com

Congratulations are in order for Sergio Wende & and family. There is a celebration planned for the family on Sunday, January 14th in conjunction with the luncheon.

Thought for today

"A thousand times over, the death knell of the Bible has been sounded, the funeral procession formed, the inscription cut on the tombstone, and committal read. But somehow, the corpse never stays put. No other book has been so chopped, knifed, sifted, scrutinized, and vilified. What book on philosophy or religion has been subject to such a mass attack as the Bible, with such venom and skepticism, with such thoroughness and erudition upon every chapter, line and tenet? The Bible is still loved by millions, read by millions, and studied by millions." - *Bernard Ramm*



Today:
 Singing at the "Garden's at Rivermont" nursing facility on South Chautauqua

Next Sunday
 Pot luck lunch & 1:00 services

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ken cisterns, hoping to find water where not a drop was ever discovered yet." - *Charles Spurgeon*

"Jesus does not require that we become holy and perfect before we come to him. He demands that we know that we are sick and in need of a physician." *James Bryan Smith*

January Communion Preparation
 January Birthday Cake - 4th Sunday
 January Greeters

Minsons
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Sunday Schedule - January 2017

	7	14	21	28
AM Speaker	Craig Hayes	Bruce Kessler	Travis Ashley	Michael McCorkle
PM Speaker		Mark Woody		Michael McCorkle
Communion Lead	Doug Switzer	Dustin Gaskins	Chris Taylor	Ray Speights
Usher	Jim Osborne	Chaney Jones	Amon Rowe	Jacob Switzer
Usher	Corbin Hall	Dustin Clauch	Paul Woody	Jordan Danser
Usher	Charles Vallee	Larry Minson	Luke Switzer	Topher Taylor
Reading	Cuinn Hayes	Amon Rowe	Corbin Hall	Luke Switzer
Prayer	Dustin Clauch	Mike Hall	Topher Taylor	Dustin Gaskins
AM Songs	Leslie Jones	Jordan Danser	Jordan Winslow	Craig Hayes
PM Songs		Corbin Hall		Mark Woody
AM/PM O/C	Travis Ashley	Glen Taylor	Mark Woody	Larry Minson

Wednesday Schedule - January 2017

	3	10	17	24	31
Speaker	Pizza & Singing	Glen Taylor	Jordan Winslow	Jordan Danser	Dustin Gaskins
Text					
Subject		Open	Open	Open	Open

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Jer. 29:11-13 "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come to Me and pray to Me and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all of your heart."

Matt. 28:20 "I am with you always even to the end of the age."

Heb. 13:5 "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Romans 8:39 "...nothing can separate us from the love of God..."

(By Dave Jacobs)

Another year is dawning,
Dear Father let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with thee.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness,
The glory of thy face.

Another year of leaning
Upon thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service,
Of witness for thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Father, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for thee.

Frances R. Havergal

"Men are in a restless pursuit after satisfaction in earthly things. They will exhaust themselves in the deceitful delights of sin, and, finding them all to be vanity and emptiness, they will become very perplexed and disappointed. But they will continue their fruitless search. Though wearied, they still stagger forward under the influence of spiritual madness, and though there is no result to be reached except that of everlasting disappointment, yet they press forward. They have no forethought for their eternal state; the present hour absorbs them. They turn to another and another of earth's bro-

Praying for you

James 5:16 - Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The Effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Please feel free to share with us your blessings and answered prayers. We'd love to join you in thanking God for the wonderful things He's done for you.

fair condition. Buddy is a Dustin Claunch's grandfather and a new member of this church.

Dean Howard has been suffering with stomach issues for the past couple of months. Inflammation & an irritation as well as a polyp has been found on her esophagus and is being tested.

Lorraine is recuperating following surgery to remove some scar tissue from her intestine.

Suffering with cancer:

Glen & Mary Taylor have numerous friends and relatives that are suffering with cancers. Mickey White, a friend from the Sand Springs, Ok congregation. a nephew, Ned Dorsey, a cousin Retha Jantz's daughter Denise has multiple cancers. Cards & letters are requested. Her address is 9115 S. Young's, OKC, OK 73159, and Brenda Hinkle, friend suffering with cancer and would love prayers, cards and letters on her behalf. Her address is 9605 NW 12th PL, OKC, OK 73127.

Dustin Claunch's grandmother, Francis Dean.

Lets always keep in our prayers:

Please keep Shirley Roberson's 18 month old grandson, Kyler Pellow in your prayers. He suffers with vision problems.

Lorraine Ashley has a severe auto immune disorder and frequently suffers with pain. Keep Leslie Jones' father and mother, Cathy Jones Mother and Dean Howard in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers those who are serving in the military or in a civilian capacity.

If you need prayers from the church, please let us know. Call Larry at 820-9506 or April at 833-7207 or email us at: lminson@cox.net and we'll get you on the prayer list. We care about you and your problems and want to pray for you or help you in any way we can.

Give thanks to God for answered prayers in regards o Sergio and his family.

Kittie Addison is asking for prayers for Matt Futer, who has been long time diagnosed with brain cancer. He's currently in ICU with possible Spinal Meningitis,

Denise Koch has been suffering with a very bad cold and laryngitis for a couple of weeks and started a new job. Pray for her.

Buddy Davis continues his recovery following a stroke last week. He is suffering some speech issues but otherwise in



In January

Joanna Hall	9th
Tammy Boaz	11th
Kaleb Switzer	12th
Leslea Hale	27th
Jeff Uhler	28th
Rick Boaz	29th
Leslie Jones	30th
Let me know if your name was left out on the birthdays or anniversary's.	

January Anniversaries

Ab & Della Combest 27th

Statistics For Last Sunday & Wednesday Services

Sun. Morn. Attendance	55
Sun. Afternoon Attendance	n/a
Wed. Attendance	66
Last Sunday Contribution:	\$1,584
Last Building Fund Offering	\$5,857

Go to mixlr.com/bkess & listen to Bruce Kessler's on-line radio show,
"Passion for Christ"

JANUARY CALENDAR

1st Sunday	3rd	12:00	Nursing Home Singing - Gardens at Rivermont
1st Monday	4th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody home
2nd Saturday	9th	10:00 -11:30	Food Pantry Opened
2nd Sunday	10th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 p.m. Services
3rd Monday	18th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study at the Woody Home
4th Sunday	24th	Noon	Pot Luck Lunch & 1:00 p.m. services
4th Saturday	23rd	9:00-11:00	Men's Teacher Training

Another Year...

This is a time of reflection and anticipation. Reflection on the year past, and anticipation of the year to come.

But, probably the most common thing you hear about at the new year is resolutions...things you hope to change such as health, i.e. diet, exercise, eat better, spend more time with your family, read more, stop using your credit card.

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Now all this is good and fine, but could I challenge you to make a different type of new years resolution...spiritual resolutions? such as read my Bible more, pray more. share my faith more, invite people out to church more, to fight sinful attitudes and actions more, to talk to my kids about Jesus more.

Now, Ecc. 5:4,5 says, "When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay."

Can you relate to that?

See, our problem is not making resolutions, promises, vows... our problem is following through on them.

Four paths to fulfilling your resolutions:

1. Be realistic
2. Don't be thrown-off by failures - this is a common snag to progress. Is. 43:18,19 "Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder the things of the past. Behold, I will do something new..." Phil. 3:13,14 "...but one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on..."

God is always ready to give us a second chance.

3. Be patient, give it time

4. Be reliant on God to bring about the change. Paul will say in Phil. 3:3 that we are not to, "...put confidence in our flesh, our own ability..." II Cor. 3:5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God."

Real change is possible only when we come humbly before God and cry out to Him to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Conclusion: It's a new year, but the same God...by same I mean: unchanging, reliable, trustworthy, solid, dependable, faithful, constant, loyal, etc.

Do you want to know what this "same" God has to say about this "new" year?

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